

Resolution in Support of a Ban on Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying

WHEREAS, local governments spend Texas taxpayer money to hire lobbyists on contract who in turn often advocate against taxpayer interests in support of growing government bureaucracy and regulation; and

WHEREAS, nearly \$75 million was reportedly spent by local governments to lobby state lawmakers during the 87th legislative session; and

WHEREAS, by comparison, in 2017, nearly \$41 million was spent by local governments to hire lobbyists to lobby the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, recent polling indicated that more than 7 out of every 10 Americans believe lobbyists have too much power and influence over lawmakers; and

WHEREAS, recent polling also indicated that most Americans rank lobbyists as the least trustworthy profession; and

WHEREAS, a 2020 Republican Primary Ballot Proposition successfully passed by nearly 95% of Republican primary election voters in favor of banning the practice; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the _____ support eliminating the ability for tax dollars to be used to hire lobbyists that lobby against the interests of taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the _____ supports a ban on the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying.

Approved this ___ day of March, 2024 at the Precinct # ___ Convention located in
Texas Senate District # ___